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James Mello, Hoyle Demoranville and Ernest Davoll are shown here building the giant twenty-four foot wide screen on which will be shown the motion picture, "The Robe". The impressive film will be shown at the First Congregational Church, Rochester, on Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd. The Robe tells of the crucifixion, of the robe Christ wore, and of those whose lives were changed by the sacred garment.



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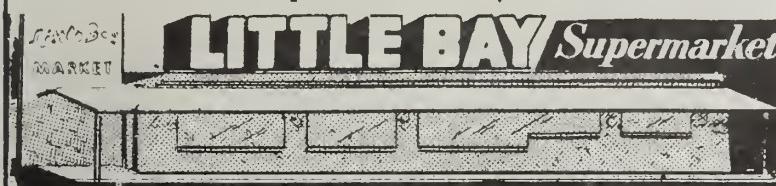
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(The committee found difficulty in locating the special lens needed for CinemaScope and after much effort have rented one from New York.)

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The opening of the show will be preceded by a street parade at 11:30 A.M. on the 22nd through the heart of the business district of the city, beginning at the Central Police Station and ending up at the Armory. All Packs, Troops and Posts are expected to participate and several bands have been secured.

Tickets for the show are being sold by Scouts throughout the Council area. The theme of the show is "America's Manpower Depends on its Boy-Power", and that skills required by Boy Scouts are useful in their adult lives.

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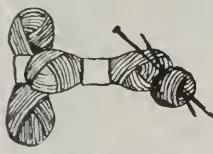


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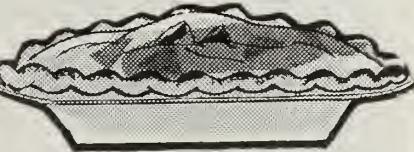
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In line with the stress being placed by the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs on fighting crime, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is sponsoring a seminar on February 27th from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church parish hall entitled "How Shocking is the Truth About Crime?" The opening exercises will include a welcome from the chairman of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, Mr. David N. Haley, and a word from Mrs. Arthur Dunn, chairman of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs' legislative department.

Mr. John Buckley, state director of the Massachusetts Council on Crime, will speak on "Where Have All the Women Gone?"

Following Mr. Buckley will be Attorney Francis W. Keating, formerly an assistant in this area's Attorney General's office, whose topic will be "Area Crime Control".

At 12 noon, there will be a break in the program at which time guests may eat the sandwiches, etc. brought from home. Coffee and dessert will be furnished for a slight charge.

Following lunch, Mr. George V. Higgins, assistant attorney general, will speak. Mr. Higgins has had vast experience in the criminal division and served with the newly appointed head of the criminal division of the Federal Department of Justice, Mr. Charles Rogovin. Mr. Higgins will speak on organized crime.

The final speaker will be Mr. Harry Schmitt, Jr., regional attorney for the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Wareham, who will speak on "Local Efforts to Control Crime".

Time will be allotted to each speaker for answering questions, and the men have been

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The seminar is open to the public and many civic groups and area clubs have been invited to attend. Crime is a far-reaching problem and this group of informed men all joining in a program of this sort is a unique opportunity for citizens to learn "How Shocking is the Truth About Crime?"

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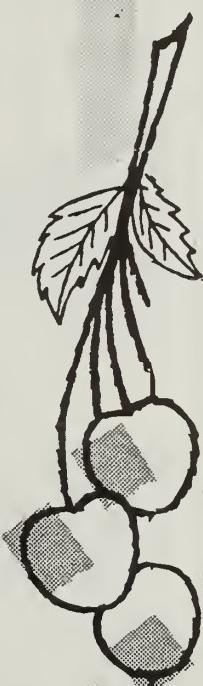


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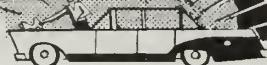
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Llewellyn Roberts, who heads the high school English Department, is over-all director of the production. An innovation for the two evening and one matinee performances will be a full orchestral accompaniment, under the direction of Music Supervisor, Anthony Rego. Mrs. Thelma Ostenfeld is assisting Mr. Rego at rehearsals of the choral numbers.

Choreographer is Mrs. Nancylee Gaucher, a very talented and experienced professional, recently arrived in this area thanks to the U. S. Coast Guard. Mrs. Gaucher, who recently choreographed "Oliver" at her last place of residence, New Orleans, is the wife of Commander Phillippe Gaucher,

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Polio Clinic

A clinic for administering of Oral Polio vaccine to pre-school children will be held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on Thursday, February 20th, from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Infants between the ages of 2 months and 12 months should have 2 feedings at least 2 months apart, followed by a third feeding six or more months later.

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The February 20th meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be at 2 P.M. in the parish hall of the Congregational Church. There will be a short report on the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs along with the regular business meeting. The featured speaker for the day will be Mrs. Ruth Edwards, a trustee of the Children's Museum in Dartmouth, who will show slides and speak on "Treasures from Nature". Mrs. Edwards is also a member of the Garden Club of Greater New Bedford and of the Paskamansett Bird Club.

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by Donald R. Bernard

Part XIV

Once again the harbor of Bedford had gained the reputation as being a hornet's nest and once again dealing with the privateers became a major concern of the British. The British commander decided to raid this port and stop, once and for all, the rebels' active privateering. However, the British were fully aware of the great zeal with which the Americans would fight since they remembered the American bid for independence won in "1778".

Selected for this raid was the British sloop of war H.M.S. Nimrod, a ship well-known in these parts as British raider. The "Nimrod", in company with two other British ships of war, the H.M.S. "LaHoux" and the H.M.S. "Superb", was lying at anchor

in the vicinity of "Black Rock". The date was Thursday, June 9th. Drilling in a field nearby were two companies of continentals. Captain William Nye commanded one of the companies and Ruben Swift the other. A horseman approached at full canter and shouted that several British ships had been sighted lurking in the Bay. General Lincoln had sent orders that the two companies were to reinforce the defense at Clark's Point (Fort Rodman) in New Bedford. The men in these units were locals, most from Fairhaven and Acushnet, and were apprehensive to this order because they felt bound to defend only their own town and property. Their orders were altered somewhat and they were directed to the bridge that joined Fairhaven and New Bedford. There, at the Lamson house, they were quartered.

Monday, the 13th, was at hand. In the very early hours of the fog shrouded morning, the "Nimrod", in company of several barges, made her way up the Acushnet River to a position abreast of Palmer's Island. As the fog lifted for a few moments, the garrison at the fort (Phoenix) detected the invading force. What appeared to be scaling ladders were seen on several of the barges. The garrison was quick to respond by sounding the alarm with a tremendous roar of her cannons. Then the fog quickly clouded the

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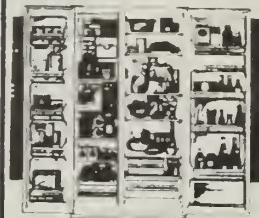
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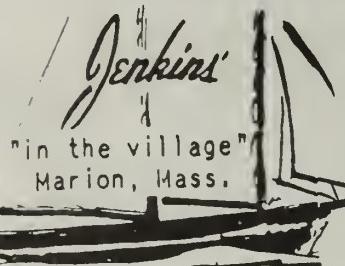
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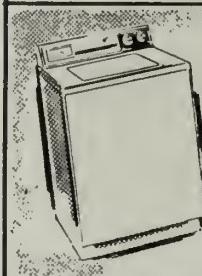
Following the attempted landing in Bedford harbor by the British, a number of minute men were rushed to Sconticut Neck and widely spread into a line that ran nearly the whole length of the neck. They hoped by this action to prevent a further attack or attempted landing by the Red Coats. This deception by the defenders led the officers and crew of the "Nimrod" to believe that this force to be of superior numbers of regulars. They withdrew.

History shows that on the following day this same British force invaded and dealt a severe blow to the neighboring town of Wareham. The local militia along with the garrison of the tower of strength (Fort Phoenix) had again displayed, in action and courage, that they could successfully resist the superior forces of the crown. Once again, the towns of New Bedford and Fairhaven had been spared.

To be continued.

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Roscoe and Anne Barstow thank everyone for cards received January 19th on their 50th wedding anniversary. They appreciate all of the very fine messages from the many who remembered them on that occasion.



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Styles suitable for Easter Sunday, beach-wear and everything in between will be shown.

In keeping with the atmosphere of Spring, outdoor furniture will be displayed on stage by the Big 3 Hardware Store, County Road, Mattapoisett.

Mrs. F. Winston Bendall of Coburn Brothers will be commentator and Mrs. George King will be model coordinator.

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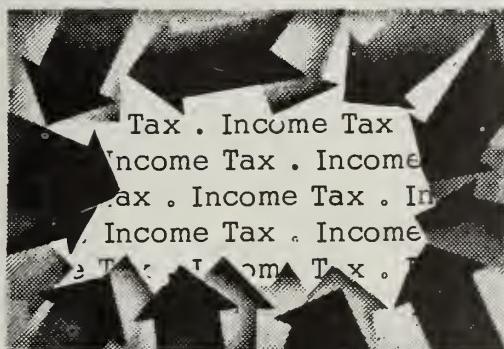


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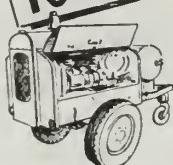
Mrs. Kevin Dawson, Mrs. Walter DuPont,
 Mrs. John Brennan, Mrs. Richard Flood,
 Mrs. Alfred Peccini, Mrs. Jimmie Price,
 Mrs. James Moran and Mrs. Edward Perrault. The teen models will be the Misses Kathy Perrault, Chris Perrault, Elaine Lewis, Marsha Campbell and Donna Gallo.

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JUNIOR GRANGE MEETING

Mattapoisett Junior Grange held its bi-monthly meeting last Friday night with the worthy overseer, Harlene Fearing, presiding.

This being the 34th anniversary of the Junior Grange, lecturer, Mark Harris, presented a combination program for the anniversary and Valentine observance.

A poem was read by Ray Buckley on Valentines. A heart relay game was enjoyed. Lecturer Harris read the records of the first Junior meeting which took place on Saturday, February 9th, 1935, written by the 1935 secretary, Barbara DeCosta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeCosta of Mechanic Street. The presiding master for this new group of young people was Clifford Tripp of Main Street. Many of our town citizens of today were the start of this group under the first matron, Mrs. Dennis Sylvia of Randall Road.

Under new business it was voted to have an open meeting Friday, February 28th, when members of the Subordinate Grange will be present. A combined program will be presented by the Junior and Subordinate Lecturers.

Mrs. Linhares, assistant matron, was re-



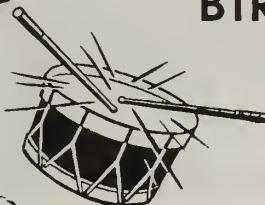
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GRANGE MEETING

The bi-monthly meeting of Mattapoisett Subordinate Grange will be held Thursday night, February 20th. Plans for a Patriotic program are being arranged by the lecturer, Mrs. Ruby Barber.

HEART SUNDAY

A residential canvass in Mattapoisett, giving every family a personal opportunity to advance the fight against the heart and blood vessel diseases, will get underway Wednesday, February 19th, under the leadership of Captain George R. Boyce, Jr., Heart Sunday chairman.

The residential call will be made by 50 volunteers with the drive reaching the high point of the month-long campaign on February 23rd, Heart Sunday.



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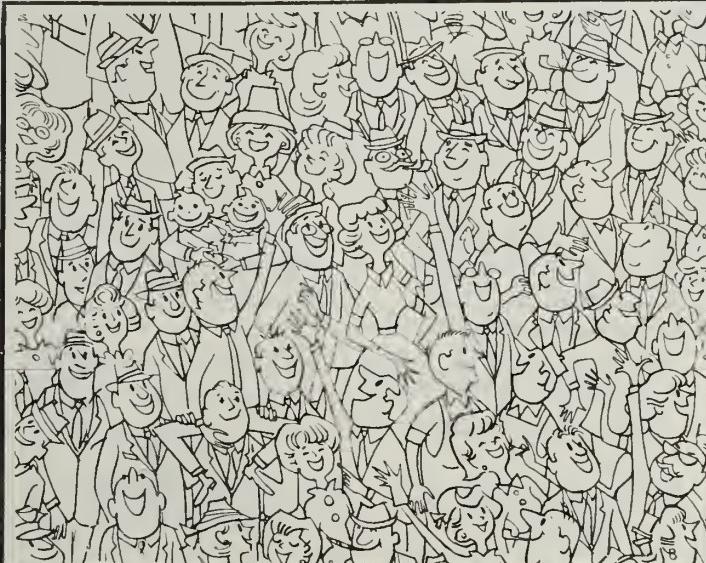
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Everett Southard, treasurer of the Mattapoisett campaign, has announced the sum of \$165.00 has been collected as special gifts to the Heart Fund drive.

Captain Boyce announced that all volunteers should bring their returns to the police station no later than 7 P.M. Monday, February 24th.

Bravo for Sargent

EDITORIAL DCJ

Governor Francis Sargent has acted once more in the interest of financial responsibility to the people of the Commonwealth. In vetoing the 25% pay hike voted to the legislature by the legislature, the Governor has shown that he really means to start cleaning up the financial chaos caused by the legislature continually voting to spend great sums on programs without regard to whether the State can afford them. The State legislature has removed control of the schools from the cities and towns while still requiring the cities and towns to foot the bills. They have taken charge of welfare causing a continual financial emergency which has yet to be faced.

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YWCA NEWS

"A Year in England", a slide program, will be shown by Miss Frances Ann Bold, director of the Free Public Library, to the Travel Club Friday evening at the YWCA. Born and raised in southern Indiana, Miss Bold moved to Falls Church, Virginia with her parents and younger sister in 1946. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in 1952. After two years of library work, Miss Bold went to England and Scotland for the summer of 1954. In Scotland she visited in the home of two pen friends with whom she had been corresponding for eight years.

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During her year in England, Miss Bold studied bookbinding at the London County Council Central School of Arts and Crafts, and worked as a volunteer in the British Museum Library, while attending the School of Librarianship and Archives, University College London for lectures in bibliography. Her home in London was just two and a half blocks from Kensington Gardens.

In the course of the year, Miss Bold was able to take several week-end trips. Christmas was spent in the Lake District on a British Council Foreign Students' Christmas Vacation Course and included a fourteen mile long mountain climb. The New Year was spent in Northern Wales and Northern Ireland. Miss Bold's travelog will feature these trips away from London

Prospective members and guests are invited to attend this lecture that follows the club's business meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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